(b) Yes, Sir. The International Children's Film Festival got a good response from the audience.

(c) The films screenings, which were held in 13 theatres, were well attended by Child and adult delegates. About 400 Child delegates from all over India (including 20 children each from Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur & Mizoram) attended the Festival. There was good coverage in the local press.

(d) A budget of Rs. 1.00 crore has been allotted to CFSI for this purpose. Besides this, the Government of Andhra Pradesh incurred expenditure towards hospitality, theatre rent, transportation, publicity etc.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Ministry of I&B *vide* their OM No. 305/37/97-F(F) dated 7-11-1997 declared Hyderabad as the permanent venue for International Children's Film Festival.

(g) Does not arise.

Review of Prasar Bharati Act

1276. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are re-thinking on Prasar Bharati Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Control on Pay-Channels

1277. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to control the pay-channels; and

(b) whether Government have given up the scheme to set-top-box; if so, the reasons therefor and the alternative steps being taken to stop exploitation of consumers by the channels and cable operators?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The charges payable by cable subscribers to cable operators and by cable operators to multi system operators/broadc asters are being regulated by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). The charges have been frozen at the levels of 26.12.2003. To allow for inflation, these charges have been allowed an increase upto 7% with effect from 1.1.2005. These ceilings do not apply to pay channels, which have come after 26.12.2003 or to Free to Air (FTA) channels converted to pay channels after 26.12.2003. However, TRAI has specified that rates of these channels must be similar to the rates of similar channels, as on 26.12.2003 and provided on a stand-alone basis either individually or as a part of new separate bouquet. The Tariff Order dated 1.10.2004 provides for broadcasters of new pay channels(s) that have been introduced after 26.12.2003 or of any channels(s) that was free to air channel on 26.12.2003 and is/are converted to a pay channels subsequently, shall furnish to the Authority information in respect of charges for these channels in prescribed fromat. Tariff Orders issued by TRAI are available on its website www. trai. gov. in

(b) No, Sir. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)'s has sent recommendations on the issues relating to Broadcasting and Distribution of TV channels, which *inter-alia,* covers scheme of Set Top Boxes popularly known as CAS. The issue of implementation of Conditional Access System in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata is, however, subjudice before the Delhi High Court.

Appointment of chairperson of children film society of India

1278. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairperson of the Children Film Society of India has recently resigned and a social activist and film actress has been appointed to succeed her;

(b) if so, the reasons for the resignation by the former chairperson and the panel of names considered for her successor;

(c) the terms and conditions of appointment offered to the new chairperson;

(d) whether these are different from those offered to the former chairperson; and